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LOK SABHA

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STUDIES ON PROPOSED EU INDIA AND INDIA JAPAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has commissioned any studies on proposed EU-India and India- Japan Free Trade Agreement;

(b) if so, the details of the list of such studies, authors and their institutional affiliations; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make available the copies to the public or other stakeholders of such studies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following studies were commissioned:-

A-EU-INDIA FTA

(i) In October 2005, the Department of Commerce commissioned a study to the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on the economic assessment of the proposed India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The study was authored by Shri. Sanjib Pohit and others of NCAER.

(ii) In June 2007, the Department of Commerce commissioned a comprehensive study to Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) on Trade in Services under India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Following table gives the details of the studies done:-

S.No	Sector	Author	Affiliation
1	Telecommunication	Rajat Kathuria	Professor ICRIER
2	IT & ITES	Rupa Chanda	Professor of Economics, IIM Bangalore
3	Health	Rupa Chanda	Professor of Economics, IIM Bangalore
4	Banking & Insurance	Abhijit Sen Gupta	Consultant, World Bank and
5	Accountancy	Parthapratim Pal	Assistant Professor, IIM, Kolkata
6	Environment	Aparna Sawhney	Assistant Professor, Centre of Trade & Development, JNU

7	Postal & Express Delivery	Biswajit Nag	Assistant Professor, IIFT
8	Legal	Panagiotis Delimatsis & Samir Gandhi	Senior Research Fellow, World Trade Institute, Berne & Senior Associate, Economic Paws Practice, New Delhi
9	R & D	Suparna Karmakar	Senior Fellow, ICRIER
10	Energy	Arpita Mukherjee and Smita Miglani	Professor, ICRIER and Research Assistant ICRIER
11	Audiovisual	Arpita Mukherjee, Ramneet Goswami & Biswajit Nag	Professor, ICRIER, Consultant, ICRIER & Associate Professor of Economics , IIFT
12	Construction	Arpita Mukherjee and Durgesh Kr. Rai	Professor, ICRIER and Research Associate, ICRIER
13	Logistics	Debjani Ganguli	Economist and Consultant ICRIER

B-INDIA-JAPAN FTA:

I. An annual document on India's economic relations with Japan was prepared by Dr. Rajesh Chadha, Chief Economist and Senior Counselor of NCAER.

II. A study on the identification of Non Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in Japan was done by Sh. Samir Gandhi, Senior Associated, WTO Law Practice Group of Economic Law Practice (ELP).

(c) Government has made available the copies of the study reports relating to the EU-India FTA to the relevant industry associations and stakeholders.